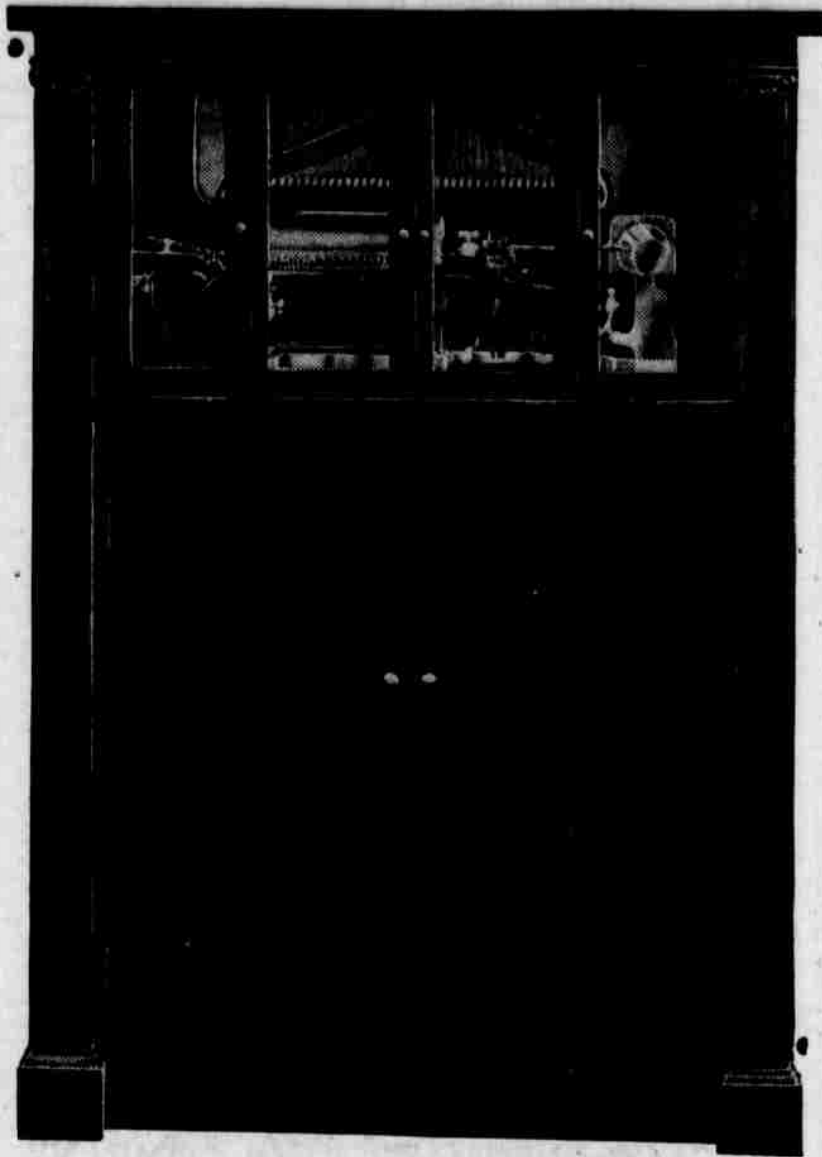


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TAXED TO DEATH

People of Chicago Taxed to the Limit to Provide Places for Reformers.

Giving women salaries of \$5,000 a year to preside over bad departments; paying women superintendents \$3,000 a year to assist them; paying female stenographers \$150 per month while capable men and heads of families are tramping the streets looking for work, is part of the net result of the work of "reformers" in the City Council for the past five years. The other net result and the one that hurts the most, is the increase of the number of employees and the increase of the money coming from the people and spent on salaries for city employees, from twenty-four millions to over thirty-five millions.

Chicago gives to its people the poorest water service of any city in the world for the money they pay for it. With an exhaustless body of fresh water at her door Chicago is constantly talking about installing water meters in every flat and in every home to stop "waste." This is in the face of the fact that the enormous surplus in the water fund is constantly being appropriated to meet other expenses of the city government instead of being used to extend and build up the water system. Water meters in every flat in Chicago would bring in a possession in this big city in a short time.

Every man who talks of water meters or water waste in the homes of Chicago should be charged as a public enemy.

The people cannot have too much water.

To limit its use means pestilence and disease.

New York goes 168 miles for fresh water and the great aqueduct which carries it to her people cost over \$500,000,000. It is one of the marvels of modern times and ranks alongside of the Panama Canal as one of the wonders of the world.

Liverpool, England, is supplied with fresh water by an aqueduct which brings a supply from Wales and yet there is no talk of "waste" over there. Other European cities go even farther for their supply of water.

But Chicago, with an abundance at hand, is always howling about "waste." An enormous sum is diverted from the water fund every year to supply the wants of other city departments as you can learn from the recommendations of the finance committee to the city council in the printed council reports.

If the water fund was properly used, a pumping station could be built at the lake end of every section line in the city.

If this was done you would hear no more about "water waste" and the necessity for meters in every house.

ESCO MOTOR LOCK WINS

Product of Esco Motor Lock Company of Chicago, Approved by National Board of Underwriters as Theft-Proof.

There have been many locks put on the market, supposedly protecting owners of cars from theft, but the trouble has been that most of them have been made for attachment in some way by which they are easily accessible or else act directly upon some part of the mechanism instead of the seat of the motive power.

The Esco Motor Lock Company, with offices in suite 1870, Peoples Gas building, 122 South Michigan avenue, Chicago, has met this contingency by the production of the Esco Motor Lock, which automatically locks the ignition and gasoline by merely pushing a small lever, and it requires a special "Yale" key to unlock the same.

The Esco Motor Lock is a small contrivance and is sold under an absolute guarantee, serviceable as long as the car on which it is attached lasts. The very fact that this lock has received the approval and recommendation of the National Board of Underwriters' Laboratories is the best demonstration of the value of the same, as this board is the court of resort for all articles having to do with protection, and inasmuch as many insurance companies which wrote auto theft insurance stopped the same on account of the lack of proper protection but are now advised that they can take this risk again as a result of the efficiency of the Esco Motor Lock, theft insurance is again possible.

In acting upon the ignition and gasoline, this lock throws a vital impediment upon the operation of the car by removing its motive power until the same is released by the owner, which is the big essential for which the auto world has been looking. There are at present nearly 8,000 of these Escos in use, and many have been sold through the recommendation of persons who have installed them on their cars and have advised others to do the same. The cost is small. They are installed at the company's service station, 1004 South Michigan avenue. It must be remembered that the "Esco" Motor Lock automatically locks the ignition, gasoline, prevents flooding of the carburetor, leakage of gasoline under pressure, due to a specially constructed valve and reduces fire hazard.

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Proposed New Name for the Court House in Honor of the Distinguished Family of Office Holders.

How would the people vote on the proposition to change the name of the Court House to the Connery Building? Many of the enthusiastic friends of the family would hail the change with delight.

It would not be inappropriate, judging from the names on the pay rolls.

SHOULD HELP THE CONNERS

The levying of an assessment of five per cent on the salaries of all employees of the Sanitary District and the Cook County offices, "to help the ticket," should prove a delightful treat to such Connerys as are running for office this year.

PRAISE CHICAGO "L"

Gets Honorable Mention from the American Museum of Safety at New York.

New York, Jan. 22.—The American Museum of Safety announced today that it had awarded to the Union Traction Company of Anderson, Ind., the Anthony N. Brady memorial medals for the best record in accident prevention during 1915. The Chicago Elevated Railroads received honorable mention.

DUNNE'S GREAT RUN

Friends of the Governor Point to the Great Evidence of Popularity in 1912.

Some of the enemies of Governor Dunne are circulating false reports to the effect that President Wilson "would like to have a stronger man than Dunne" on the ticket with him in Illinois this year.

We advise people who are told this yarn to look up the figures for 1912. They show who the strong man is and Governor Dunne's good administration has strengthened him with the people. Here are the official figures for the 1912 election.

Wilson's vote in Illinois..... 405,045
Dunne's vote for Governor..... 443,120
Wilson's plurality in the state. 18,870
Dunne's plurality in the state. 124,651
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THE PEOPLE ARE SLAVES

Unspeakable Insolence of Office Holding Gang in Chicago Arouses the Public.

The overbearing insolence of some of the office holders in the City Hall and County Building calls attention to the fact that an Office Holding Aristocracy is rapidly growing into permanent control of our public affairs.

Among our officials there are some honorable exceptions—some men who feel that they are in office to serve the people.

But there are others—and their number is increasing—who imagine that the only thing the average citizen is good for is to vote.

Party allegiance is forgotten when they are sworn in and the jobs go to relatives, regardless of party or fitness.

The Office Holding Aristocracy has no use for the voter after he has used him.

Herbert Kaufman paid his respects to these fellows when he called attention to their treatment of the public in these words:

"You consider yourself an important person because your position occasionally permits you to annoy people. But so can a gnat, a rusty hinge, a rattling window and other minor bothers.

"Impudence is a smart-aleck's conception of impressiveness—a backstairs notion of 'big folks' behavior.

An upstart betrays himself by the manner he displays his authority.

"Those who aren't accustomed to the use of power invariably abuse it. Insolence is the smart of the insignificant—'big head' evidence of a small one.

"You merely show up when you show off. We all know just about what your job pays and therefore how much intelligence it demands—so why bludge?"

"Office boys, bell hops and cash girls may possibly mistake your impertinence as a manifestation of superiority, but the public recognizes the ass in the ill fitting lion's skin.

"Headquarters always hears the creak in the machine and soon locates the source of the trouble."

The voters of Chicago may be fools some of the time; they may be so supine part of the time that these Public Office Aristocrats look upon them as serfs.

But the voters of Chicago are not going to be fools all of the time.

And when they wake up, some of these swell heads will hear from them.

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